Air Transport Association ata OF AMERICA

STEPHEN D. HAYES
Vice President - Public Information

1709 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006-5206
Phone (202) 626-4000

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 4.1% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 16, 1990--Airline passenger increased 4.1 percent in October, compared with the same month last year, and was up 5.9 percent for the first ten months of 1990, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic increased 1.5 percent in October. Available seat miles were up 5.4 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 59.0 percent, down from 61.2 percent for October, 1989. Passenger enplanements decreased 0.1 percent to 33.5 million.

In international service, traffic in October rose 12.1 percent. Available seat miles increased 13.2 percent. The load factor was 64.6 percent, compared with 65.2 percent for October 1989. 3.3 million passengers were enplaned in October, up 9.3 percent from the same period last year.

For the first ten months of 1990, domestic traffic increased 2.6 percent, and available seat miles were up 6.0 percent. The load factor decreased to 60.9 percent. Passenger enplanements increased 1.8 percent, with 335.8 million passengers.

International traffic for the first ten months of 1990 was up 16.1 percent. The available seat miles increased 11.1 percent, and the load factor averaged 70.3 percent. The number of passengers increased 12.9 percent to 35.0 million.

# # #

#59 11/16/90

PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1990 - 1989

	OCTOBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,469	33,452	(0.1)	329,869	335,805	1.8
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	26,710,600	27,123,491	1.5	267,673,324	274,552,929	2.6
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	43,650,083	46,010,090	5.4	424,830,414	450,470,219	6.0
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.2	59.0		63.0	60.9	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,033	3,315	9.3	31,024	35,039	12.9
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	8,399,689	9,419,201	12.1	85,674,935	99,505,340	16.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,890,135	14,591,320	13.2	127,315,264	141,470,638	11.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	65.2	64.6		67.3	70.3	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	36,502	36,767	0.7	360,893	370,844	2.8
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	35,110,289	36,542,692	4.1	353,348,259	374,058,269	5.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	56,540,218	60,601,410	7.2	552,145,678	591,940,857	7.2
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.1	60.3		64.0	63.2	

NOTE: HAWAIIAN OCTOBER NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATED

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

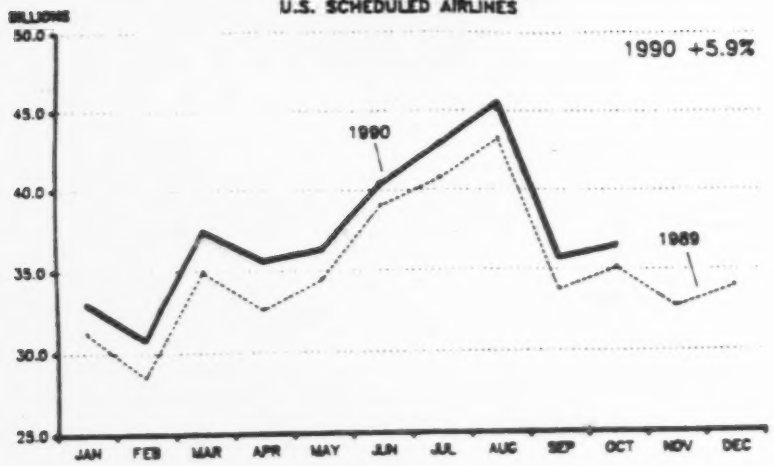
MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	31,233,373	55,626,606	56.1	32,241
February	28,460,057	50,060,766	56.9	30,574
March	34,949,316	53,714,303	65.1	37,184
April	32,591,371	52,385,110	62.2	34,415
May	34,393,235	54,843,173	62.7	35,826
June	38,980,588	55,697,273	70.0	39,025
July	40,730,432	58,343,920	69.8	39,552
August	43,154,838	59,370,285	72.7	41,980
September	33,744,760	55,564,024	60.7	33,594
October	35,110,289	56,540,218	62.1	36,502
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	420,024,077	662,874,315	63.4	430,656
Jan - Oct 1989	353,348,259	552,145,678	64.0	360,893
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
May	36,287,185	59,569,992	60.9	36,606
June	40,372,882	59,944,196	67.4	39,153
July	42,945,381	63,123,188	68.0	40,395
August	45,471,866	63,757,425	71.3	42,977
September	35,642,258	59,182,555	60.2	34,259
October	36,542,692	60,601,410	60.3	36,767
TOTAL 1990	374,058,269	591,940,857	63.2	370,844

PERCENT CHANGE

	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
October	4.1	7.2	0.7
Jan - October	5.9	7.2	2.8

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES